

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1805 because it is critical to the enactment of the state budget.

However, there are still technical issues relating to Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the bill that still must be resolved and may require subsequent legislation. Therefore, I am convening a working group that includes members of my Administration and representatives from local law enforcement and local governments to review and address issues relating to the implementation of local detention facility revenue accounts and any modifications to the current method of collecting fees for the reimbursement of city or county expenses when an arrested person is brought to the jail for booking or detention. The discussion will include, but not be limited to, the roles and responsibilities of local entities, appropriate overall funding totals, and multi-year contracting issues with the objective of concluding discussions prior to December 1, 2006.

In addition, I am asking the working group to consider and make recommendations regarding the detail, scope and timeline for a study of booking and arrest patterns by California law enforcement agencies by December 15, 2006. In making these recommendations the working group should consider the type and amount of data currently available and necessary to evaluate the policy and fiscal implications of the implementation of Government Code Section 29550, 29551 and 29552 and related issues on all affected public agencies.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger